Bridge at Poovar.

118. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : With respect to the need for a bridge over the Neyyar, at Poovar, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether, at any time within the past half a dozen years (1105-1110), the Chief Engineer, or the Executive Engineer made a record of traffic ; and

(*b*) if so, when, and what is the result ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1105. It was found that the statistics collected showed that the traffic was not so heavy as to warrant the construction of a bridge.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know, Sir, whether the statistics were collected by recording the traffic for a single day or for a number of days ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : From 11-10-1105 to 20-10-1105.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know from the member whether statistics were collected after 1105 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : None.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know from the member whether there were any representations from the public after 1105 urging the necessity of a bridge at Poovar ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Yes, there have been.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether any statistics were collected after 1105?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No statistics were collected after 1105.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has cared to visit the locality since 1105 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No, I do not think the Chief Engineer has visited it.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know, Sir, roughly at least, the amount of traffic necessary for being considered heavy enough for the construction of the bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It all depends upon the cost of the bridge and the funds available. The maximum amount of traffic that we have during the period was 45 carts on one day and the minimum was 8 carts on another day, and that is not considered too much for a *junghar*.

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MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : So is it considered too low in comparison with the traffic on other bridges ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : It all depends upon the probable cost of that bridge.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : May I know whether an estimate was made of the cost ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know the basis on which statistics are collected as to the volume of traffic on a particular road ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : A man is put there and he counts the number of carts.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether a man is put on every road for this purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No. It is only in the case of a request for bridges.

Over-time work in Government Press.

119. * **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the maximum number of hours at which the proof-readers examiners and other employees are made to work a day during the years 1109, 1110 and 1111 (6-3-1111) :

(*b*) whether any special allowance is now paid for over-time work and how much ;

(*c*) whether such allowance depends upon the amount of extra work done by the employees ;

(*d*) whether there are different scales of allowances for over-time work done during day and during night ;

(*e*) if not, why not ;

(*f*) what is the practice in vogue in the sister institutions in Mysore and Madras ;

(*g*) whether the employees that work over-time during night are let off the following day, or, if not, how the strain of over-time work is compensated ; and

(*h*) how was over-time work paid before 1-7-1108 ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The maximum number of hours the employees concerned had to work continuously at a stretch on a day, which might be a day or two in the whole year, during the years 1109, 1110 and 1111, is 14½, 20 1/2 and 10 1/2, respectively.

(*b*) to (*e*) No special over-time allowance is paid, but monthly fixed allowances varying according to the grade and pay of the employee

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